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- 1. EMBASSY HAS LONG RECOGNIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A TRAINING RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIAN ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL FIELD. OUR PROPOSALS TO THIS EFFECT IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY TURNED DOWN BY THE GOVT BUT, THROUGH REGULAR WORKING CONTACTS MAINTAINED BY RESIDENT DEA OFFICE WITH LOCAL CUSTOMS AND OTHER AGENCIES, WE HAVE TRIED TO DIMINISH GOI'S RESISTANCE.
- 2. WE THINK THE VISIT OF A SMALL US CUSTOMS TEAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE MAY HELP TO STIMULATE INTEREST. TEAM SHOULD COME PREPARED TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE TRAINING FOR MIDDLE ECHELON OR HIGHER OFFICIALS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE POTENTIAL FOR GOI ACCEPTANCE OF IN-COUNTRY TRAINERS, EVEN SHORT TERM, IS SLIGHT.
- 3. WE FORESEE SCHEDULING ONE OR PERHAPS TWO CALLS ON SENIOR OFFICIALS IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY BRIEFING. TEAM WILL NEED TWO-DAY STAY IN NEW DELHI FOR THESE CONTACTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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